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Report from Nuevitas.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *October 4, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended Saturday, September 30, 1899:

Since the recovery of the case of yellow fever reported on September 16, none others have developed, so that, with the thorough disinfection that was done of the infected premises, it may be safely said that no focus of infection was, on this occasion, established. * * *

Five vessels arrived at this station during the week and 5 bills of health were issued. The mortality report of this city for the period of this report is inclosed.

Respectfully, yours,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality report for week ended September 30, 1899.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *September 30, 1899.*

September 27: Arterio-sclerosis, 1 (old man).

J. R. ARIZA,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

FRANCE.

Precautions against the introduction of plague.

NANTES, FRANCE, *September 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward you the following information regarding what is being done to prevent the introduction of the plague into France:

The director of health at the port of St. Nazaire has recently received from the minister of the interior a circular containing explicit instructions regarding the precautions to be taken to prevent the introduction of the plague at any of the ports along the west coast of France. The prefect is instructed to notify mayors of all the municipalities what steps to take in all of the various towns along the coast. The circular calls the attention of the authorities to the great danger likely to arise from the visits of small fishing boats owned along the French coast, and which frequently call at Spanish and Portuguese ports for bait, and afterwards come to France to dispose of their catch, or for other purposes. These small boats are regarded as a greater source of danger than the large ships which come into the regular ports where there are regular sanitary officers. The director of health in the city of Nantes informs me that it is very difficult to watch these small boats, as owing to their insignificance in size, they often make landings under cover of darkness at very small ports away from the regular health officers. The health officer at the port of St. Nazaire is instructed to name physicians in all of the coast towns under his jurisdiction, to act as health officers. These health officers are to keep a vigilant lookout for any of the small French boats. As soon as one of these boats approaches the shore, the sanitary officer will swear the officers and crew, and question them whether they have visited any Portuguese or Spanish ports, or